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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TRADE TO DEVELOPMENT BOARD: GROUP B
POSITION ON COMMODITIES

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1. THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT WITHIN
GROUP B NOT REPEAT NOT TO TABLE DRAFT GROUP B PAPER BUT
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RATHER TO HAVE GROUP B CHAIRMAN CUTTAT GIVE AN ORAL

PRESENTATION IN BEHALF OF GROUP B IN PLENARY BASED ON

THE GROUP B PAPER. YOU SHOULD STRESS WITHIN GROUP B THAT OUR INTEREST IN NOT TABLING THE PAPER AT THIS TIME IS BASED ON TACTICAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATIONS, NAMELY, THAT THIS OR A SIMILAR PAPER WILL BE OF GREATER USE TO GROUP B AT UNCTAD IV THAN AT THE TDB.

2. IF THERE IS A STRONG DESIRE ON THE PART OF MOST GROUP B COUNTRIES TO TABLE THE PAPER--AND THE U.S. IS ISOLATED IN REFUSING TO GO ALONG--YOU MAY AGREE TO TABLE, PROVIDED (A) THAT THE WORD QUOTE INTEGRATED UNQUOTE IS DELETED IN THE THREE PLACES WHERE IT NOW APPEARS AND

(B) THAT TABLING IS DEFERRED AS LONG AS PRACTICABLY POSSIBLE. HERE, OUR CONCERN IS THAT THE G-77 NOT BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CRITICIZE THE PAPER FOR THE RECORD IN PLENARY SESSION. WE ARE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE PAPER BECOMES A FORMAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT--ALTHOUGH WE WOULD WANT IT TO BE LABELED A WORKING PAPER AS OPPOSED TO ANY MORE FORMAL DESIGNATION.

3. IF THE OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES REJECT BOTH OF THE ABOVE COURSES OF ACTION AND INSTEAD INSIST ON TABLING A PAPER RETAINING THE WORD "INTEGRATED", YOU SHOULD REQUEST FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

4. IF THERE IS NO AGREED GROUP B POSITION AND IT IS APPARENT THAT GROUP B MEMBERS ARE GOING TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS IN PLENARY, YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION MAKE A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. THE STATEMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON (A) THE ORIGINAL GROUP B PAPER FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AND (B) AGREED U.S. POLICY ON COMMODITIES. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT THE QUESTION OF PROCEDURES AND TIMETABLE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT UNCTAD IV.

5. FYI: THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE HAS ADVISED US ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO THAT THEY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECTIONS II AND IV OF THE DRAFT GROUP B PAPER AS WELL AS WITH THE WORD "INTEGRATED". THEIR DELEGATION IN GENEVA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU. WE CONVEYED TO THEM THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR POSITION AS OUTLINED ABOVE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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